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FIRST DANCE HELD FIRST FORD GIRLS ATTEND FIRST DANCE OF YEAR

John A. Barnes

On Saturday, October 29, 1977 at 7:30 P.M., Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School hosted its first dance of the school year and the first one to include girls who attend Bishop Ford as students.

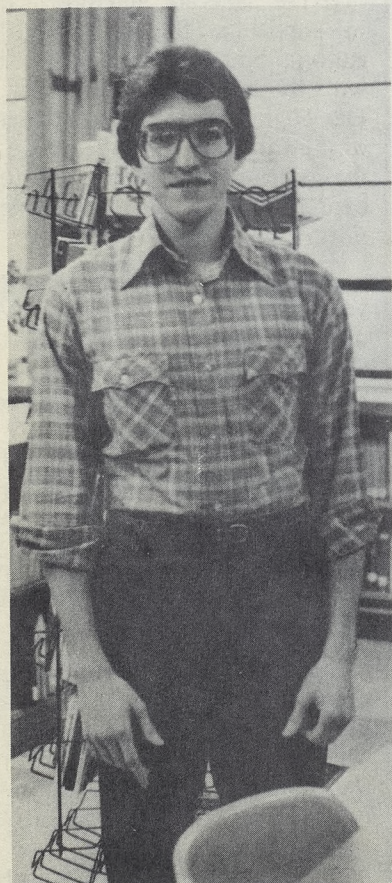
The dance committee, moderated by Brother Shane Burke of the English department, put together a moving collage of music, dance and socializing, all bathed in the ultraviolet glow of the cafeteria's lights.

The music was provided by two fine bands, ATLANTIS, which performed basically rock, and a Ford dance regular, MANTUS, supplied the disco music. The latter has also recently recorded a record with Satellite Music. It is one of their own compositions, entitled DESTINY, which the group also performed at the dance.

The Ford Falcon Store was open for business, selling candy and other items, and the soda machines were operating. There was a general consensus that the dance was good, but there were some dissenters. "The Beatles' songs were sung badly," said one disgruntled student. "I just couldn't get into it," said another.

The dance committee is at work, busy planning the next dance to be held

PETRUCCIO WINS CONTEST



Steve Petruccio

Kevin Hurley

The winner of the **Highpoint** Masthead Design Contest is Stephen Petruccio, a member of the junior class, whose winning design can be seen for the first time in this issue of our student newspaper.

In the competition, which was announced in our first issue this year, excellent entries were also submitted by Lee Plein, a senior who offered two different designs, Zeynep Baygin, a sophomore, and a surprise entry by Father Columba James Enright, T.O.R. of the English department.

Steve Petruccio's winning design will be used from now on as the official masthead of **Highpoint**, and Steve's award will be given him on an appropriate occasion in the near future.

The editorial staff of **Highpoint** congratulate Steve Petruccio, and most sincerely thank all the other members of the Bishop Ford Community who so enthusiastically took part in our contest.

QUIRKE ADDRESSES FORD NEW PRESIDENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL PROCLAIMS NEW SCHOOL SPIRIT

Dear Students and Friends:

I would like to invite you to write to me and the other members of the Executive Board of the Student Council, any suggestions, ideas, problems, or any appreciation you have for the student council.

Beginning with the next issue of **Highpoint**, we shall answer as many letters as possible. If you choose to write, and we hope that you will, you may place your letter in the student council mailbox in the mailroom. Your letter should include your name and home room number, and also be sure to address the letter to the member of the council whom you wish to answer your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Quirke

President of the Student Council



President and Advisors: Steve Forlano, Pres. Joe Quirke, Bob FitzPatrick and Nick DiSilvio.

Brother Alphonsus, members of the administration, faculty, and fellow students:

Last Friday we assembled in this auditorium and proceeded to change its complexion. We not only changed this "Great Hall" into a political arena, we did much more! We added to each life gathered here a spirit of determination and hope: determination not to be bored with and cynical toward life, hope that the present moment will always bring new vitality and be held in high esteem.

We celebrate today not a victory of one candidate over another -- rather, we celebrate the birth of a spirit which I have not experienced in my past three years at Ford. Indeed, this spirit is unprecedented -- but I will continue to guarantee this spirit a long and productive life. Last Friday was something different, something encouraging, something to be proud of. I ran a presidential campaign against four of my friends. Today, one week later, those four students -- Joe Ienuso, Jack Benson, Chris Conry, and Vinnie Giacalone -- are working with me for the betterment of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School and this is something which should make us all very proud.

Today, we mark the beginning of a new Student Council. A Council which, I know, can harness that spirit and direct its energy toward a year of active accomplishment, satisfaction and contribution to our Ford Community. The spirit among us is not, however, to be taken for granted or assumed. It is not a spirit that the Student Council can dictate or vote upon. It is a feeling inside all of us that each must express whether it be in the classroom, on the track, on the gym court, in any involvement we have. It is a feeling we must not only express but also recognize among us. We all are Bishop Ford. We, students, administration, faculty, and staff are Ford, and so our school is what we are and what we do. We can be ordinary if we refuse to feel and think, or we can be great if we dream and want more.

Throughout my campaign I did not make promises to you because promises are often lost and forgotten. We are all here together and I do assure you that I will work with you in order to make Ford a place not only where you can learn, but a place we can enjoy and one day remember with pride.

The task of representing you is not easy. I accept the challenge. I realize that each of us has different ideas, goals and desires for an improved school life. I am willing to listen and use all my energy if doing so will be productive. I am willing to compromise and this should not be regarded as a measure of weakness, but rather as willingness to be flexible and to understand another opinion.

SKI TRIPS PLANNED

Greg Perrin

This winter the junior and senior classes will hit the ski slopes during the second annual Bishop Ford ski trips. Last year Bishop Ford saw its first ski trips and, as one would expect, some members of the administration had been hesitant about having such excursions. But last year's trips were such a success that the ski trips will now become a regular outing for the junior and senior classes.

This year's senior trip will take place on the sixth, seventh and eighth of January in Massachusetts. The junior trip will take place on the third, fourth and fifth of February. The cost is sixty-nine dollars per person, and a twenty-five dollar deposit has already been collected. Brother Shane, coordinator of both ski trips, said he hoped that the trips would be comprised of students with a sincere interest in skiing.

MASS CONFUSION

Back in mid-November, we are told, the student council unanimously voted that student attendance be mandatory at the mass which was to be celebrated in our auditorium on the day before Thanksgiving. A very short time before the date of the liturgy, it was pointed out that to **require** the students to attend mass seemed to be in direct conflict with the philosophy of the school, which states that students are to be encouraged to participate in school liturgies, but not forced to do so. As a result, and in the very "nick of time," student attendance was made optional.

Some still feel that to ask students to attend mass on certain special occasions is not unreasonable. We are, after all, a **Catholic** high school. And it was, after all, the student council, the very elected representatives of the students, who unanimously voted for mandatory attendance.

The large majority of us on the editorial staff of **Highpoint** (yes, we confess, we are not entirely unanimous on this issue) feel that attendance at mass must not be forced. It is our conviction that the holy sacrifice of the mass, the principal means of worship of the Catholic Church, is far too sacred to require those to be there who do not sincerely wish to be there.

The auditorium was not half empty during our Thanksgiving liturgy, it was half full. And we didn't have to be there. Let us give thanks.

FREE FROM STUCKS

Two weeks into his term of office as Student Council President, Joseph Quirke submitted to the Faculty Advisory Committee his first proposal of the school year. In his "stuck period" proposal, Mr. Quirke presented an alternate plan for the handling of classes when a teacher is absent, a plan which does away with the necessity of assigning teachers who are free at the time to cover the classes of absent teachers. Quirke's plan called for students whose teachers were absent to report to designated areas of the school building, such as the library or cafeteria, where they could complete optional assignments left by their absent teachers if they chose to do so, or simply spend the class time as a "free period."

After much debate among the administration, the departmental chairpersons and the faculty, the new "stuck period" policy was implemented on a trial basis beginning on Monday, 7 November 1977. Certain emendations to Quirke's original proposal were made by the administration, changes regarding the length of time of the trial period for the proposal, the posting of optional assignments on the bulletin board to be completed during the teacher's absence, and the covering of classes of teachers who had to be out for an extended period of time.

Thus far the new policy has been very successful. This has been the case because of student cooperation, and we of the **Highpoint** editorial staff feel that the student body has earned no less than an "A" in responding to the experiment. The student council's first major project is certainly a step in the right direction. Doing away with "stuck periods" has benefitted both the students and the faculty, who no longer are required to cover the classes of an absent colleague during free time. In light of the support given the new policy, it is clear that the students appreciate the importance of the student council and the cooperation needed if the council is to function in their behalf. This cooperation will help unify the student body and make this year a good one for all. This idea may seem a little exaggerated, since the proposal was only a minor step toward improving student and faculty morale, but we must realize that the outcome of this experiment will more than likely set the tone for the remainder of the year.

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WITH CHRIST WE ARE NOT POOR

The Christmas crib, with its drafty stable and its straw bed, reminds me of the poor. Christmas is an occasion for us to thank God that we don't live in dire poverty. And often at Christmas we want to make some gesture of sharing some of our money or belongings with those who have less than we do.

In a way, though, we, too, are very poor people whether we realize it or not. Each one of us has experienced a kind of poverty. Think of your own personal weaknesses and failings, how you don't measure up to being the person you think you should be. This is your poverty, the poverty we all share. We may have more material things than the people we usually call "the poor." But in many ways we are very much alike. Although we may have more **THINGS** than we think of as poor, we all suffer together the poverty of being at times small and self-centered.

Jesus told us that we should become poor, at least in spirit, but He also told us that we are poor, that none of us measures up before God. The encouraging thing about Christmas is that Jesus' coming makes all that okay. We don't have to be perfect. God knows we are not perfect but He loves us anyway. Whatever is missing in us, Jesus makes up for. That is what being saved means.

Of course, in order for that saving to take place, we have to allow ourselves to be saved. And that means first, that we admit to ourselves that we are not perfect, that we are indeed poor. And it also means believing that Jesus can and does save us in our deficiency. Once we really accept that (not just lip service), we can feel confident and really good about ourselves—happy and at peace. And what better Christmas present could we hope for?



Quirkes inaugural address, cont:

I and my advisors—Steve Forlanò, Nick DeSilvio, and Bob Fitzpatrick—do not want your Student Council to become an isolated clique for a few to "hang out in," separated from the administration because of demands, separated from the faculty by unreasonable thinking, separated from you, the students, due to lack of communication. This will not happen. We will not allow this spirit to die.

On behalf of the students, I ask the administration for your openness, support and encouragement as you listen to our views. Some say that people in educational administration do not understand the young. Some say that they do not want to understand the young. Still others claim that the young simply do not know what is right. I agree with none of those positions. I am quite confident that together we will bring about a school which "stands upon a hill with the eyes of all outside upon it."

I ask the faculty to give me your advice willingly—it is advice guided by your experience, your knowledge, and your concern for us.

I appeal to the student body—keep your spirit alive. I seek and need your support and friendship. To those among us—members of the administration, faculty and student body—who cling to the opinion that things will never really change, that student councils are intended to be powerless, that real power resides in the hands of one or a few, that this year is merely a carbon copy of years gone by—to you, may I say, that I understand that your feelings are born of hard times, bitter and empty promises, but while I understand, I hope to do all in my power to bring you to a change of heart.

I look out from here and it's really scary for me to see the auditorium so filled. I know I must represent you all and you have expectations of me. I can only ask all of you to keep the energy alive, keep your standards high, be realistic, never lose your ideals, and always dare to dream. Together as council and students we are not seeking to overcome. We seek to accomplish. Our aim is to build, to enjoy, to keep Ford the best. We expect problems and together, administration, faculty, and students, we shall face them.

It is my hope and intention as President of the Student Council that I not only represent that spirit but that I be that spirit.

I shall work with you with determination, concern, and enthusiasm. May wisdom always guide us and may courage never leave us. Thank you.

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial on the dress code written by Roy Galifi. I disagree with his position and I believe most everybody else in the senior class does, because we are in our last year and were caught up in the new dress code.

Roy Galifi spoke for himself and only a few other people in the school; the majority definitely disagree with him. He has no right at all to criticize the way people dressed last year under the other dress code. He covers up the complaints against the new dress code by implying that the girls have a legitimate right to complain about the dress code because they wear uniforms. Well, that's baloney!

The people who were in this school before the girls have more of a right to complain than anybody else.

Leonard Lovito, 405
31 October 1977

To the Editor:

Your editorial on the dress code entitled "Dress Right?" (**Highpoint**, September-October, 1977) was perfect...from an Administrative point of view.

Thomas P. Ryan, 406
31 October 1977

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to you to express my disapproval of the manner in which **Highpoint** is presently being run.

In the last issue, all editorials, in particular the Roy Galifi editorial on the dress code, sided with the administration's view. Has **Highpoint** become a puppet of the administration? Have we, the students, lost our freedom to express our own views? I hope not.

As a student at Ford for four years I have witnessed a steady upheaval of disapproval with the student council, the administration, and now, **Highpoint**. I recommend that you, Mr. Barnes, or the moderator, Mr. McKay, put your foot down against the pressures of the administration and print what you believe.

James F. Kelly, 404
31 October 1977

Editor's Note: It should be pointed out here that the **Highpoint** staff have never been aware of any overt pressure from the administration to print or not to print anything. In fact, the principal and the two deans have always been most helpful and entirely unintrusive.

"FACULTY FOCUS": Bro. Shane



Brother Shane Burke, O.S.F.

John Coppola

If you were to ask me to name the person who best exemplifies the spirit of involvement here at Ford, I would have to say that person is Brother Shane Burke. While talking with him I discovered some of the many interesting details of this remarkable man's life. Let's examine some of them.

Born and bred in Queens, Brother attended Infant Jesus Grammar School in Port Jefferson. He then attended Immaculate High School in Manhattan. Next, Brother went to Saint Francis College in Brooklyn where he received his B.A., and then went for his master's degree in Supervision Administration at C.W. Post. After many years of education, he went into the teaching profession.

Teaching first at Saint Anthony's High School in Smithtown for three years, Brother's next move was to Bishop Kearney here in Brooklyn, an all-girls high school, where he taught for one year. Brother then came to our own Bishop Ford, where he has been teaching for the last year and a half. He currently teaches English to three senior classes.

Brother Shane's work here at Ford goes beyond just the teaching which he does so well. He is the moderator of the Horseback Riding Club, the Alumni Association, the Student Council, and is also Ford's first Director of Student Activities. As director, Brother serves as a liaison between the administration and all committees on matters pertaining to extracurricular activities. Among his accomplishments this year was the magnificent student council convention.

Much of Brother's time is spent dealing with his responsibilities at school. In his spare time, however, Brother enjoys horseback riding and reading. I can't imagine where he finds any spare time!

In conclusion, Brother told me, "For anything in this school to become absolutely good, there must be a union of both the faculty and the students."

OPEN HOUSE BIG BUSINESS

Michael DeLugo

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School held an "open house" on 6 November 1977. Many future freshmen and others who are considering transferring over to Ford from other high schools were here along with their families to see the plant. When asked the questions, "How do you like Bishop Ford?" and "Are you planning to be here next year?" these were some of their responses:

Veronica Rivera, Saint Agnes School: "I like the school very much and I am looking forward to being here next year (if I make it)."

Anthony Fusco, Saints Peter and Paul School: "The school is very nice. I really like the setting of the school. It has a different interior from most schools. As far as coming here is concerned, I am undecided."

Joseph Paolillo, Saint Agnes School: "The school has a very nice atmosphere. Also, it is a lot bigger than I thought. Right now I have two schools in mind but, after viewing Bishop Ford, that number goes up to three."

John A. Barnes

Junior Achievement is the nation's oldest economic youth education program with over 200,000 students involved in its activities. Basically, the program involves sophomores and juniors here at Ford. They meet one night a week for about two hours at a stretch under the guidance of adult advisers and directors; in our area Mr. Bryce M. Sanders, Jr. provides this service.

These groups subsequently function as small businesses. During meetings members discuss, among other things: how to choose a product to manufacture or a service to provide; keep accounts and map out marketing plans; produce, promote and sell their companies' product or service; sell stock in their business.

At the end of the school year the students liquidate their company, publish an annual report, and return dividends to their stockholders. The program roughly parallels the school year.

By the time this article is published, the program will already have been under way for some time. But further information may be obtained by seeing Brother Alfred of the business department.

CLANCY- MAKEM A SELLOUT

Robert G. Siebold

The Clancy-Makem Concert was an enjoyable evening of Irish and Scottish Folk music held in our own auditorium on the evening of Friday, November 11. Liam and Tommy's music is lively, yet, with the change of a note it can become sad or mellow or strong and proud.

The phenomenal thing about the whole show was the fact that the two men played quite a variety of musical instruments. Liam Clancy played a rhythm guitar and a small, primitive, Celtic drum called a "bodhran." Tommy Makem played a banjo, a tin whistle and an accordion. They sounded great together. During the performance Tommy Makem told some very funny Irish jokes, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Their performance was quite varied: one minute they had you clapping to an Irish jig, the next they had you singing an Irish love song. One aspect of their show which stuck out in my mind was that they loved it when the crowd sang along with them; in fact they kept encouraging it.

Before the show came to an end I was lucky enough to get backstage to interview the two for **Highpoint**. When I asked how and when they began to perform together, Tommy told me that they had been at it all their lives. They both come of musical families and have stuck with it. Liam told me that they have been making beautiful music together for twenty years. How has their material and their presentation of it developed over the years? They told me that their first performance was terrible. But as they went along, they learned from other folk groups, particularly already established American groups of the day.

Both Liam and Tommy agreed that the spirit of the Ford audience was terrific, but they wished they could have been closer to the audience. In their opinion, the audience was quite receptive and being at Bishop Ford was very nice. Tommy Makem also pointed out that the lighting and sound systems were terrific. He said that he "tipped his hat" to our school stage crew. Thanks must go to Brother John Joseph Pavin, O.S.F. and the Chalk Circle Players who put over ten hours' work into the lights and sound.

From all points of view the concert was a great success. But if you happened to miss it, be of good heart: Liam and Tommy have promised to return to Ford in March of the coming year for a Saint Patrick's Day Celebration! Details will be available shortly.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Zena Baygin

As this election came to a spectacularly dramatic finish, only one candidate could emerge as the new student council president. The recent election held special meaning for all of us, particularly those candidates, Jack Benson, Joe Ienuso, Vinny Giacalone and Chris Conroy, who didn't win, but who will remember it for years to come.

A well-known candidate in the election was Jack Benson, Chairman of the Dance Committee, who thought the election was handled very nicely, if too late in the year. He felt it should have been held last May. When asked if he liked the idea of girls being admitted to Bishop Ford, Jack had no comment. And as for the girls being a factor in the turnout, he replied, "They didn't help or hurt, even though many of my campaign workers were girls."

Jack Benson, like the others, enjoyed being a part of Bishop Ford's first election convention and, although he didn't come out a winner, he felt that he met a lot of new people and made a great number of new friends.

As stated earlier, Jack is the Chairman of the Dance Committee and was pleased with the first dance of the year (October 29). He plans to keep the dances going all year. "To me," he remarked, "dances give the student something to look forward to."

Another well-known candidate was Joe Ienuso, a member of the varsity bowling team, who had some interesting responses to the following questions:

Q.: "What do you think of the way the election was handled?"

R.: "I was very impressed and excited by the whole convention and everything leading up to it. The whole convention was well planned and I would like to compliment and thank Brother Shane for the great job and all the work he put into it. The election was professional and impressive all the way."

Q.: "Do you feel they held it too early in the year?"

R.: "No, because it takes time for the council itself, after the election, etc., to get started on the work for the year. If it were put off, not as much would get done. It is also a good way to start off a school year."

Q.: "Do you feel the students didn't know you well enough to vote by their own judgement?"

R.: "I feel that the majority of the student body was familiar with most of the candidates because of the speeches given in the cafeteria. Jack Benson and myself became known to the students through the orientation committee, which was also a good idea. But, in general, I think I made myself well-known enough for the students to make up their own minds."

Q.: "What is your opinion of the job Joe Quirke is doing?"

R.: "It is really too early to comment now on the job Joe is doing, but I know that Joe will do a great job in all respects as the year goes on."

Q.: "What do you think of Bishop Ford's admitting girls?"

R.: "I think the admittance of girls into Ford was a big step in the right direction. The girls are a big part in the great atmosphere that fills the school this year."

Q.: "Were the girls a big factor in the election?"

R.: "Yes, the girls were a big factor in the election because their numbers reached close to three hundred."

Q.: "Concerning the girls, is your disappointment matched to theirs in any degree?"

R.: "Concerning my own disappointment, I was disappointed, but not a great deal. I felt disappointment really for the people who helped me during the campaign. I felt I disappointed them by losing, because they deserved a winner for the fine job they did and I would like to thank them all now. They themselves know who they are."

Q.: "Were you surprised by the results of the election?"

R.: "I was surprised by the results of the first ballot because of the difference in the votes between both Joe (Quirke) and myself, and the great difference between the other candidates. I thought it would be much closer among all of us. The second ballot was really no surprise."

Both Jack Benson and Joe Ienuso, although they didn't win, felt that they each gained something from this election. Great sportsmanship shone through when Jack stated, "All who ran are still friends."



Jack Benson and Joe Ienuso

The Editors and staff of Highpoint extend to the entire Ford Community best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

CHEERLEADING SQUAD

This year for the first time Bishop Ford has its own cheerleading squad. There is a total of fifteen girls who make up the squad, assisted by its moderator, Sister M. Jeanette Martell, C.S.F.N. The cheerleaders practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They cheered together for the first time on December 9 for Bishop Ford's varsity basketball team. The girls are quite enthusiastic and hope this year's effort will turn out to be a great success.

When I interviewed a few cheerleaders I got these responses: Michele Sanchez, 308: "I think it boosts the school spirit by having girls from our own school cheering the boys on." Antonella Coiro, 103: "I have

never cheered before, but I think it's going to be a lot of fun cheering for Ford."

Gloria DiFilippo, 105: "It's a great opportunity for the girls to get to know more people."

Most people think that Bishop Ford's cheerleaders this year will be very exciting and that the Ford spirit will definitely be improved. When I talked with the moderator of the squad and asked her how she felt this year would turn out, Sister Jeanette replied: "Beginnings are always difficult. Since Bishop Ford has never had its own cheerleaders, the cheerleading squad will do the best they can and work hard." All-in-all, she thinks this year will be very successful.



TRACK

Joseph J. Catalano

Hard work and dedication paid off this year for the varsity and freshman cross country track teams because both were diocesan champs. The team accomplished this by coming in first out of all the Brooklyn-Queens track teams at the sectional champs meet on Oct. 29.

This was the biggest meet a Bishop Ford varsity team ever won.

The members of the varsity who accomplished this were: V. Vientos (junior), B. Mackay (junior), S. Arce (senior), R. Campolo (junior), B. Powers (sophomore), J. Casertano (sophomore), and J. Hernandez (junior).

The first five members of the team were all individual medal winners and all were in the top twenty out of a race of one hundred and twenty.

The members of the freshman team who contributed to the victory were, Burns, Liguore, Magno, Kelley, Groot, Anderson and O'Keefe.

Coach Fernandez is optimistic about having a repeat of this year's performance because six of the seven top runners are coming back next year, and many good junior varsity and freshman runners will be going up to the varsity.

In the City Championship meet on November 5th the team as a whole came in 8th out of a field of 20.

Because of the teams' great performance they were one of six Catholic school teams who represented the city in the State Championships at Sunken Meadows, in which they placed 16 in a field of 38 teams.

FROSH SWIMMING

Steven Cronin

There's an old adage that says "Records were meant to be broken." Nobody had to tell the freshman swimming team this more than once. Led by frosh marvel Jim Cutrone, the freshmen have sliced away more than their share of the record pie.

BOWLING

Glenn Dredger

Here at Ford there are many sports and one of the most exciting is bowling. Our bowling team is coached by Mr. Radigan of the math department. Making the team is a great task: to make the junior varsity you must have a one-hundred-ten average or better, and to make the varsity you must have a one-hundred-sixty average or better. Each match is based on a five-point system: two points for each of the two games and one point for total women.

The varsity consists of an all-senior team: Pasquale Agnese, Richard Biscotti, Joseph Ienuso, Charles Fragopane, James Bolognese, Timothy Placente, Luis Suerriero, Paul Wepy and Alfonso Pazano. The varsity has won against Mater Christi (3-2), Nazareth (3-2), and most importantly against Farrel (5-0) to put the varsity into a tie for third in the standings.

The junior varsity consists of freshmen Russel Fiore and Tony Odierna, sophomores Timothy Sheridan and Anthony Weiberg, and juniors George Andes, Anthony Saudino, Joe Staniszkusky and Walter Boland. The junior varsity has been victorious over Xaverian (3-2), Nazareth (3-2) and Farrel (5-0). Mr. Radigan had this to say about the team: "A real nice bunch of boys; win or lose, they always get a lot out of it. The team has a real good shot."

Jim has garnered records: five events, which include a variety of events and distances. Jimmy is not the only frosh who has been swimming fastastically. Steve Stafford, Kim Parker, Gerry Cregg, and Rick Ferro have been making their marks in competition. These swimmers are joined by Ann and Francine Donovan, Kevin Ridgeway, Frank Buerra, Brian Wince, Miriam Espansa and Steve Hermanson.

The frosh wind-up their season during November but coach Gillia says he expects they will add to the varsity effort starting in December.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Joseph J. Catalano

The Bishop Ford Varsity basketball season has just started and already it promises to be a good one.

This year the Falcons go with a thirteen man squad which consists of P. Daly (senior), D. Leary (senior), F. Giglioli (senior), E. Delarosa (senior), A. Lopez (senior), K. Cortney (junior), C. Logan (junior), J. Scaliardich (junior), T. Collins (junior), J. Lombardo (junior), W. Snyder (junior), G. Pepe (junior) and H. Cabrera (junior). As of now the starting team is; Daley, 5'9", Delarosa, 6'1", Leary, 6'2", Logan, 6'6" and Giglioli, 6'3", with the first three men off the bench being Collins, Pepe and Courtney. This year's team captains who were chosen by the team are Daley and Delarosa.

One outstanding asset of this year's team is speed, especially in the guard position as shown by Daley, Pepe and Delarosa. Delarosa, besides being fast, is one of the finest defensive players in the league. Pepe, with his speed and strength and jumping ability, plays in the style of last year's starting guard, Tom Walsh.

According to Coach Raymond Nash, the only difficulty is the fact that there are only four returning players: Leary, Giglioli, Delarosa and Daley. Coach Nash believes that much of the team's success depends on how Logan, Giglioli and Collins hit the boards.

According to Mr. Nash, another great asset of the team is that they play the type of ball he likes, fundamental give-and-go basketball, and because of this he believes that he will have less difficulty coaching this team than any other team he has coached in the past.

As for the team's schedule, they began with eleven scrimmage games, the first on November 4 at New Dorp. The regular season (consisting of 16 games) begins on December 5 with a game against Cathedral at St. Francis College. These 16 games do not include the Stepinac Tournament and expected playoff games.

Already in pre-season play, the Falcons are off to a fine start. All pre-season games are six quarters long and Ford has won seven of its first eight games after four quarters; their only defeat was to Farrel. The teams Ford has beaten in its first eight games are New Dorp, Midwood, Iona Prep, Tottenville, New Utrecht, Moore Catholic, and Boys' High. High scorers for the first eight games were Giglioli averaging twenty-one points and Leary averaging seventeen after four quarters.

Mr. Nash's prediction for the year: "The league has some of the finest competition around, but if health holds up, we have an excellent chance."

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

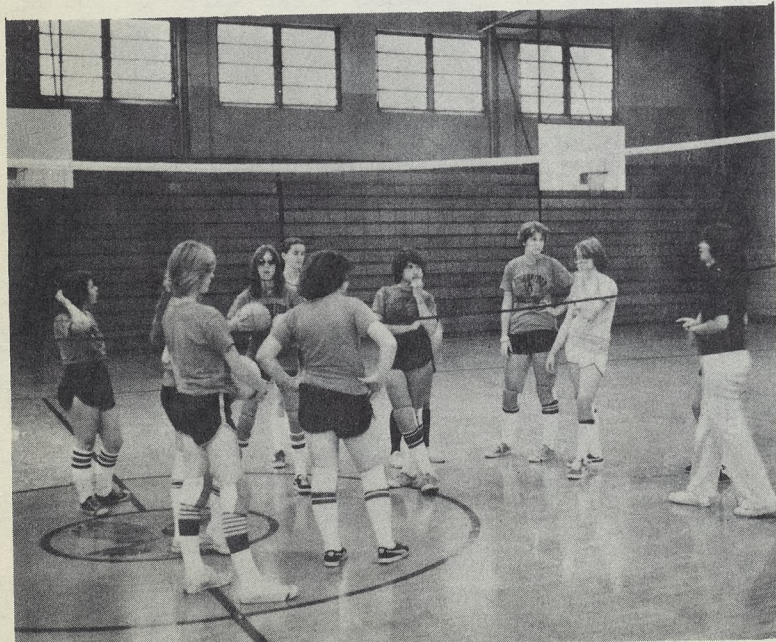
The girls' volley ball team played their first match to serve Bishop Ford's first taste of girls' competition. That really wasn't important, neither was the score (our girls lost to St. Stephen's by 3-15, 15-4, 15-10), nor was the fact they wouldn't actually enter the CHSAA till next year. What was important was the remarkable job Miss O'Leary did with the girls in the span of three weeks to get them prepared for the season opener.

While I was watching the girls jump, dive, and stretch to earn their points, it dawned on me that they were playing as a team, passing to set up winning points, rather than the "individual" type of play that usually loses more points than it wins. The girls on the bench were very enthusiastic, as were the students who turned out to watch our girls play. Those who sat around me were very impressed with the girls' agility.

The season lasted from October 24 to November 18 and the girls played a total of seven games. "Volleyball is the type of team sport in which you really have to know where and what the rest of your teammates are going to do," commented Miss O'Leary. She also said, "Right now we're in a 'jelling' process, trying to develop a consistent game."

Miss O'Leary is a very competent coach who enjoys the satisfaction of knowing she is helping the girls become better athletes. The captain is frosh, Susan Rail, and the co-captain is junior, Felissa Passione. Special thanks should go to the team's managers Ann Tuminello, Angela Pepe, and Maria Calamia.

The volleyball team is a dedicated group of girls who play with great finesse and optimism, and who, I think, will succeed.



Miss O'Leary coaches team